



"K" DIVISION CRIMINAL ANALYSIS SECTION

OPEN SOURCE INTELLIGENCE REPORT PUBLIC ORDER EVENTS K Division – 2022/02/14 20:00

COUTTS AND RELATED PUBLIC ORDER EVENTS K DIVISION

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC ORDER EVENTS IN K DIVISION

Updates appear in **GREEN**

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Information from other agencies/units appears in **ORANGE**

BACKGROUND

K DCAS is engaged in focused open source collection on events related to the Coutts border matter occurring in RCMP jurisdiction in Alberta. The intent is to identify any events that may present officer or public safety concerns.

KEY FINDINGS

- On 2022/02/14, it was announced that the protesters at Coutts are will be leaving, some have already left. Currently, the plan appears that the majority will leave in the morning (2022-02-15). One commenter stated that they (protesters) will leave Coutts at 10:00hrs and travel north to Lethbridge. The commenter requested people attend at Highway 4 to cheer them on.
- On 2022/02/14, **Personal** stated that the Coutts protesters need to remain and that they will be receiving report from the South (US); however, it appears that the majority of the Coutts protesters, and the people supporting them online, have accepted that they will be leaving.
- "Rally 4 Resources" is promoting a convoy to the Edmonton legislature to protest the Throne Speech, scheduled to take place at 13:00hrs on 2022/02/22.
- There are upcoming events planned in K Division affecting areas including:
 - Any town or city willing to send a convoy to Edmonton
 - Okotoks
 - Fort McMurray/Wood Buffalo
 - Ponoka
 - La Crete

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Throne Speech Convoy

Date: 2022/02/22	Time: Various, but arrive in Edmonton by 11:00
Meeting location: Alberta Legislature Building, Edmonton	
Detachment(s) affected: Unknown, calling for convoys from everywhere in Alberta	

The Facebook group "Rally 4 Resources" is promoting a convoy to the Alberta Legislature building to protest the Throne Speech on 2022/02/22. The group does not appear to be organizing the event themselves; however, they are urging others to organize their own convoys. Currently, it is unknown if an event is planned; however, participation could potentially be substantial in light of protesters leaving Coutts and negative sentiment regarding PM Trudeau invoking the *Emergency Measures Act*. This event will continue to be monitored over the next week and further updates will be provided as more information becomes available.

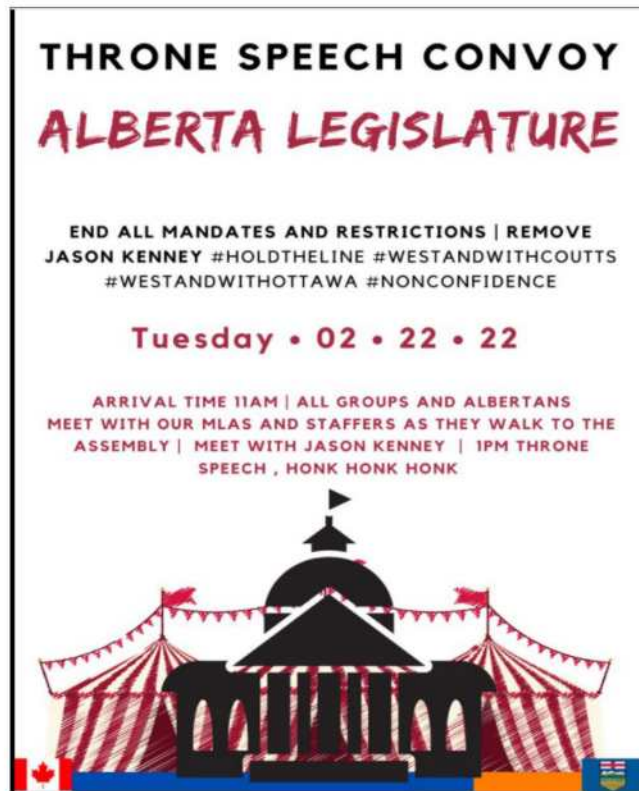


Image 1: Screen capture of poster advertising a convoy to protest the Throne Speech at the Alberta Legislature (source: Facebook, 2022-02-14)



Okotoks Recurring Anti-Mandates and Masks protest

Date: 2022/02/20	Time: 13:00
Meeting location: 50 McRae Street, Okotoks	
Detachment(s) affected: Okotoks	

The "Foothills Children's Protest" occurs every Sunday at the Olde Towne Plaza (50 McRae Street, Okotoks), with varying levels of attendance. The event usually has a guest speaker. On 2022/02/20, it will be **Personal Info.** from the group "Free to Play." The protest will focus on restrictions affecting children.

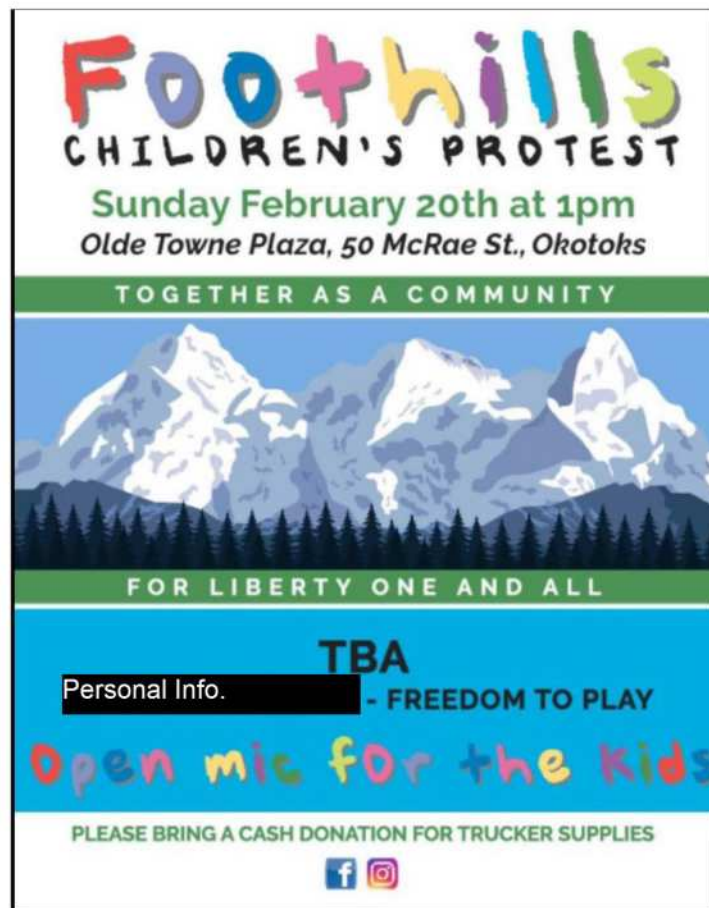


Image 2: Screen capture of poster advertising a protest in Okotoks, on 2022-02-20. (source: Facebook)



Ponoka Convoy to Edmonton

Date: 2022/02/19	Time: Unknown
Meeting location: Unknown specifics – somewhere in Ponoka	
Detachment(s) affected: All detachments between Ponoka and Edmonton	

The leader, **Personal Info.** posted about a convoy to travel from Ponoka to Edmonton on 2022/02/19.

Other Protests/Events

Fort McMurray – Convoy to Ottawa

Date: 2022/02/15 to 18	Time: 07:00 – 21:00
Meeting location:	
Detachment(s) affected: Wood Buffalo	

A Facebook event has been created in Facebook group “Freedom Convoy 2022 Fort McMurray” for a convoy from Fort McMurray to Ottawa from 2022/02/15 to 18. The organizers appear to be **Persona** **Personal Info.** The route is tentatively Fort McMurray, Edmonton, Lloydminster, Saskatoon, Winnipeg, Kenora, Thunder Bay, Sault Sainte Marie, Sudbury, and Ottawa. To date, 27 people have responded to the event. **Personal** posted a comment regarding the fundraiser for a Supply Convoy to Ottawa, stating that \$3,500 has been raised thus far. Organizers of the convoy are listed as: **Personal Info.** As of 2022-02-14, 28 people have responded to the Facebook event; 7 people said they are “Going” and 21 said they were “Interested”.

La Crete Bus to Ottawa

Date: 2022/02/13 to 23	Time: 07:45
Meeting location: Unknown	
Detachment(s) affected: Fort Vermilion	

Two Chamber Board Members in La Crete, **Personal Info.** are organizing a “La Crete Community Bus Freedom Tour” to Ottawa. They are intending to hire one tour bus, with two drivers, to take a minimum of 30 people to Ottawa to participate in the protests. They are hoping to meet MP Arnold VIERSEN while in the city. No OSINT update.



NWT/AB blockade

Date: Unknown	Time: Unknown
Meeting location: Unknown	
Detachment(s) affected: All detachments along the Highway 35/Highway 1 corridor	

Unconfirmed information was overheard from trucker radio broadcasts about a possible blockade being organized on the highway from Alberta into the NWT. The information was provided by the Government of Alberta by the Government of the NWT; sourced via Emergency Management channels. No OSINT update.

Charter Bus to Ottawa

Date: 2022/02/19	Time: Unknown
Meeting location: Pickups in Red Deer, Calgary, Medicine Hat, Swift Current, Regina	
Detachment(s) affected: Highway 2 from Red Deer to Calgary, TransCanada Highway east of Calgary.	

Personal posted to the Facebook group "ALBERTA FREEDOM CONVOY 2022CA" that her husband is attempting to fill a charter bus to Ottawa. Information has not been posted about the location or timing. UPDATE: The event is postponed to 2022/02/19, due to lack of response. A post has requested confirmation of attendance by 2022/02/16. No OSINT update.

Other Information

On 2022/02/14, a post was made calling for people to go peacefully to their nearest RCMP detachment and demand the RCMP immediately stand down at Coutts. Additionally, there were several posts on Facebook calling for more bodies in Coutts and support for the truckers due to the arrests the previous night.

OPP Intelligence operations advised **Personal** posted in the s.37 s.37, stating that funding being has been frozen.

Posts are circulating on Twitter that the police 'disabled' three excavators at the COUTTS border protest. Conversely, there are also posts stating they do not know who wrecked the equipment and that it may not have been the police.

A news article by Press Progress reports that one of the wealthy donors who contributed to the convoy in Ottawa believes acts of civil disobedience against public health measures are Canada's last hope before "civil war." This donor is not named in the article.



LIMITATIONS

This information was gathered primarily from open source where accessible. Private groups and profiles were not viewed nor were encrypted communications.

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